

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Focazio et al.**

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For: **Method and Apparatus for Validating  
and Configuring Database Transaction  
Requests from Multiple Clients**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.